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For: OPTIMISING RESOURCE USAGE IN A PACKET SWITCHED NETWORK

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Official Action dated December 3, 2009, reconsideration and

allowance are respectfully requested.

All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness based on previously-

applied Vimpari. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Vimpari describes processing variable-length packets and keeping the error rate of basic

packets included in RTP packets communicated in a packet-switched telecommunication

network at a desired level. Specifically, the number of basic packets to be included in RTP

packets is changed according to the frame error rate (FER) of the last received RTP packet if it

either exceeds or drops below a predetermined threshold value. See Abstract. The better the

conditions on a communications connection, the more basic packets can be included in a single